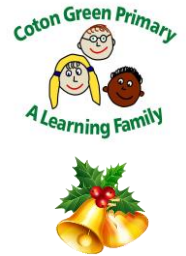




Weekly Newsletter

15th December 2016



School Closes tomorrow Friday 16th December at 3.30pm
and will re-open to children Wednesday 4th January 8.50am

(Tuesday 3rd January INSET day)

Dear Parents

In our final newsletter of 2016, I wanted to thank you all for your support over what has been a very busy term. As it is the end of our first term; I have been busy meeting with teachers across the school and I have been so pleased with the progress that our children are making. We have been working hard on our Ofsted targets and I have been especially pleased with the opportunities given in problem-solving within mathematics. The governors and I were pleased to see that as a result of training given to staff, these opportunities can be found in every book across the school and pupils are rising to the challenge. We have also been particularly pleased with our 'Just Write' sessions where pupils get the opportunity to write at length. This has resulted in some exceptional writing across the whole school, a sample of which can be seen in the entrance display.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the school's Christmas performances over the past fortnight. Thank you for your supportive and appreciative comments. It is the staff here that work so hard with the children and give up so much of their own time, that enables us to put on such a high standard of performance and I have passed on your thanks to them. The confidence the children show on stage, the quality of the singing and acting and the fact that so many pupils get the opportunity to be on stage is a credit to all involved, not least the children themselves. I would also like to thank parents for your help in sourcing costumes that give the performances that extra visual impact.

Please look out for a group of our children and Mrs Hall at Marks & Spencer's this Friday as we have been invited to sing a selection of festive hits in their entrance area from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

I would also like to thank the PTFA who have contributed so much over the last year and which work tirelessly to raise funds for those little extras that enhance the learning experience in school. This term we have purchased a class i-Pad each and there are funds in place to support the school in developing the outdoor area and playgrounds. Indeed, we have a number of companies putting forward development proposals and should receive their plans early next term. More importantly though, the PTFA events are always family and children orientated, providing enjoyable experiences to share together as a learning family.

As tomorrow (Friday), is the last day of term, the children have expressed their desire to be able to bring in games. I will allow this with the understanding that **the school cannot take responsibility for these games.** I will allow handheld computers (e.g. DS) and have explained to the children the rules for using these in an assembly. Board games are also welcome; however, please avoid bringing games with many small parts. Also the games will not be allowed onto the playgrounds during lunch or break. **Mobile phones are NOT permitted.**

After his personal visit today, Father Christmas told me to expect a very special phone call tomorrow to see if there are any late alterations to be made to his 'Naughty and Nice' lists. I will of course need the children to promise to be extra good for the final few days before Christmas, help parents by helping out around the house and to go to bed on time, especially on Christmas Eve, before I can confirm my final recommendations!

I would like to wish each and every one of our Learning Family

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Mr R Osborne



Athletics

Another amazing sporting achievement for our Coton Green team!

The tournament kicked off with a relay with some great performances from the relay teams. Then, we had a mixture of long jumping, chest push, speed bouncing and vertical jumping. Jake A commented on the success of Dylan S and how he was very proud of him.



Next, was the obstacle race which provided lots of challenges including hurdles and speed bounce. Max R told us that he found the speed bounce difficult but enjoyable.

The final event was the 'over and under' race with some great team work and determination shown by all. With team mates and parents cheering, they tried their best for the final challenge and represented the school fantastically.

Gracie R explained how wonderful it was to represent the school - "It was a great way to end 2016".

**Reported by Daisy L and Annie S
Sport Journalists**





Class of the Week
Mr Newton's Class – 99.33%

(Whole School Attendance for the week: 96.00%)

Current Whole School Attendance – 96.54%

REMINDER

Closing date to make your application for your child to start Reception in 2016 is:

15th January 2017

Applications can be made online:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions



Poppy Appeal

On behalf of The Royal British Legion and Coton Green Primary we would like to give a big thank you to all who kindly bought a poppy.

A fabulous £194.73 has been raised.



Week Commencing		2 nd January 2017			Week 2	
Child's Name:				Class:		
<i>Monday</i>	SCHOOL CLOSED					
<i>Tuesday</i>	INSET DAY					
<i>Wednesday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Meatballs and Pasta	(V) Macaroni Cheese		Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day	
<i>Thursday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Creamy Chicken Korma Served with Rice and Vegetables	(V) Chickpea and Lentil Balti Served with Rice	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day	
<i>Friday</i>	Filled Lunch Box	Fish Goujons Served with Chips	(V) BBQ Chicken Served with Chips	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sub Rolls with Fillings of the Day	
Subject to availability						